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FORBUSH, W. B. Ecclesiastes in the Metre of Omar. With an Introductory Essay on Ecclesiastes and the Rubáiyát. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1906. Pp. 105. $1.25.

The "Introductory Essay" was first printed in the *Biblical World*, Vol. XXVI, pp. 355–363. The metrical version of Ecclesiastes is a piece of clever work, and furnishes many touches of genuine poetic insight. Those who find the Ecclesiastes of the ordinary prose versions obscure and unsatisfactory may find it more attractive and intelligible in the form presented here.

SANDERS, F. K., AND FOWLER, H. T. Outlines for the Study of the Biblical History and Literature. With Maps and Charts. [*The Historical Series for Bible Students.*] New York: Scribner, 1906. Pp. xv+233. $1.25.

This work will serve as an admirable textbook for advanced classes in Sunday schools, academies, and colleges, and also for the guidance of the individual student. The treatment is strictly chronological, and by following it the growth and development of the entire biblical literature may be realized and understood. Constant reference is made to the best literature in English upon the various topics treated.

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Dr. Maclaren's well-known skill as an expository preacher is evidenced afresh in these volumes.

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A careful, judicial, and up-to-date examination of the Johannine problem. The writer finds the evidence insufficient for determining the authorship, but asserts the great religious value of the book, and claims for it a moderate historical value.

STREATFIELD, G. S. The Self Interpretation of Jesus Christ: A Study of the Messianic Consciousness as Reflected in the Synoptics. New York: Eaton & Mains, 1906. Pp. 211. $1.25 net.

The Jesus of the Synoptists, it is here argued with much force and learning, asserts himself as the transcendental Christ. The author's familiarity with modern controversial literature has overloaded his pages with variant opinions, while theological terms are not always clearly and precisely distinguished. In general he seems to be defending the truth rather than seeking it.

HALLOCK, GERARD B. F. The Teaching of Jesus Concerning the Christian Life. New York: American Tract Society, 1906. Pp. 193. $0.75.

This book is rather an extended homily on the Christian life, as the author conceives it, than a careful determination and presentation of Jesus' teaching concerning it. The numerous anecdotes and illustrations are a poor substitute for the painstaking and discriminating study demanded. The author has altogether underestimated his task.

GILBERT, GEORGE H. A Short History of Christianity in the Apostolic Age. (*Constructive Bible Studies*, Edited by E. D. Burton; College and Academy Series.) Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1906. Pp. vi+239. $1.

Dr. Gilbert's constructive studies in the Apostolic Age constitute an attractive and valuable manual for college, academy, or advanced Sunday-school classes. The material is conveniently divided, and interestingly and ably treated. There are questions and references upon each chapter, and the book is finely illustrated.